

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: MARCH 21, 2022

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday March 21, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Brad Bray, County Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Jessica Secrease. Member Jack Dodd was not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Major Gary Cook and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Paul Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 7, 2022, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray; President Paul Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

HOWARD COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

Appointments for Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA):

Howard County Assessor Mindy Heady submitted the official appointments to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals:

Name	Appointment	Date Range
Ann Harrigan	Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals	01/01/2022-12/31/2022
Virginia Baker	Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals	01/01/2022-12/31/2022

The official appointments were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. President Paul Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Approval of the Voting Center Contract with Indiana Wesleyan:

Howard County Clerk Debbie Stewart submitted the amended contract with Indiana Wesleyan for the use of the voting center, which includes the 2022 May and November Elections, in the amount of \$750.00. This contract has been approved by County Attorney Alan Wilson. The amended contract with Indiana Wesleyan was approved as submitted on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. President Paul Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE:

Annual Laredo Service Agreement:

Howard County Recorder Jennifer Jack submitted the agreements with A.S.K. Services and Stewart Title Guaranty for the Laredo Contracts. The agreements with A.S.K. Services and Stewart Title Guaranty for the Laredo Contracts were approved as submitted on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. President Paul Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Turning Point SOC Annual Report:

Chief Executive Officer Matt Oliver presented the Turning Point update for 2021. The 2021 organizational achievements include 2,649 WRAP session contacts, 226 REACH sessions contacts, and 183 CRAFT sessions contracts. One initiative that was launched was a 24/7 crisis hotline. Turning Point expanded staffing from 12 to 23 full-time employees and volunteers, launched the Youth Reach Center, and created partnerships with Kokomo School System, Excel Center, YMCA, Pride, and IronFist. Mr. Oliver continued to say that this update is the creation of a state chapter of Suicide Prevention Coalition, which engaged local legislators on mental health and substance use issues. Fundraising events hosted for a total of \$31,500.00 and obtained \$1.2 million in the MIRS grant.

Opt-in for Opioid Settlement:

President Paul Wyman presented an update on Howard County opting in for the opioid settlement. With this settlement, the State of Indiana will be receiving a payout of \$504,000,000.00. Fifty percent will be allocated to local counties and fifty percent will be allocated to the State level. The State then has the option to distribute additional money to the local counties. This money will be used to help with treatment of individuals with substance abuse and families in their recovery. Howard County will be receiving close to \$5,000,000.00 over the next 18 years.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on March 11, 2022, in the amount of \$914,117.88 were submitted and approved on a motion made by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on March 11, 2022, in the amount of \$914,117.88 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid March 21, 2022, in the amount of \$1,312,522.20 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by President Paul Wyman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the following reports to be received into the record:
 - a. Weights & Measures Report for 02/16/2022-3/16/2022

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-6:

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-6 – Opt Back in for the Opioid Settlement. Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-6 – Opt Back in for the Opioid Settlement was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by President Paul Wyman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

Agreement with Treasurer's Office and Forte for Online Payment Processing:

County Attorney Alan Wilson submitted the approved agreement with Forte for online payment processing for the Treasurer's Office. Howard County Treasure Christie Branch approved of the agreement as well. The agreement with Forte for online payment processing was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by President Paul Wyman, and the motion carried.

***There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on a motion made by President Paul Wyman.***

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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